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Mr. William T. Thurman
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Re: B.P. Minerals
Barney's Canyon Project
Operations

Dear Mr. Thurman:

In response to comments in your letter of 25 August 1988, we offer the following clarification:

Three documents will be reviewed and approved by the Bureau of Water Pollution Control before authorization to begin leaching operations is issued.

1. The Operation and Maintenance manual compiled by B.P. Minerals America will describe operational procedures, monitoring requirements, maintenance requirements etc. this information will enable operators to understand in detail the requirements of their jobs and to operate facilities according to intended design.
2. A monitoring document will define the frequency of monitoring, notification requirements for different quantities of fluids found in leak detection sumps, requirement for action if fluids found in the leak detection sump are verified as leakage.
3. A contingency plan will define courses of action, resources available on site and notification requirements for the most probable spillage or leakage situations which may occur at this site.

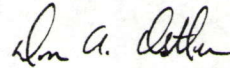
The design criteria for this project were approved 15 August 1988 and the detailed design of the project is underway. After the detailed plans and specifications are in an approvable form a construction permit will be issued. Once the facilities are constructed according to the approved plans and specifications and above mentioned are reviewed and approved, start-up will be authorized.

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Hopefully this letter clarifies the status of the project in relation to the approval of the operation and maintenance manual. If there are any further questions please feel free to call or write.

Sincerely,

Utah Water Pollution Control Committee



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